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The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

My name is Tracy Ah Mook Sang, and I am a mother who has lost a 15 year old daughter Makamae Ah Mook Sang on July 30, 2009 from Alcohol Poisoning. A life that was taken way to soon from our Family.

Since then, I have had the privilege and opportunity of not only benefiting from the "Be a Jerk Campaign" but have served as a member of the committee. Over the past 3 years I have witnessed how Be a Jerk has reached out to our community in various ways and avenue's whether it being a Part of High Schools getting the teens involved in going out to the stores and doing a "Sticker Shock" campaign by putting stickers on cases of beer encouraging adults not to buy liquor for anyone underage & Holding signs on the road to encourage the same. Also Be a Jerk has been a part of our Papakolea Community Health Fair and numerous other around the island. Back yard Jam's events around the island and so many more events. It has brought a huge Awareness not only to myself but to so many more adults in our community on the importance of "Being a Jerk" when it comes to supplying underage children with Alcohol.

The Be a Jerk committee has helped the adults in our community whether it be store owners, parents, aunty's, uncles, older cousins and friends to even people who have been stopped outside of stores, to take a stand and say no to underage children who would ask them to buy them alcohol or to allow them to drink. Although through our efforts in our campaign has already made a huge impact in our community, our job will never be done. With your support and kokua we could reach so many more people and continue on the quest on one of the most Urgent Issue in our day that has plagued our children and community.

As community member, it is the hope that the City funds (Operating Budget Bill 11 (2013), CD2 for Fiscal Year 2014) is available to support more programs in the future for the betterment of the community. I have personally witnessed how programs like "Be a Jerk" has made a tremendous impact in Awareness of underage drinking.

I want to Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and for your consideration in continuing to support programs like "Be a Jerk".

Sincerely,

Tracy Ah Mook Sang[Your name]
Papakolea Resident

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